

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All previous claims have been canceled by this amendment and are replaced by new claims 126 -143.

Support for new claims 126 and 133 can be found in paragraphs [0015], [0018], [0022], [0034], [0053], [0056]-[0058], [0060] and [0062] of the substitute specification.

Support for new claims 127, 128, 137 and 142 can be found in paragraph [0026].

Support for new claims 129, 135 and 138 can be found in paragraph [0031].

Support for new claims 130 and 139 can be found in paragraph [0009].

Support for new claims 131 and 143 can be found in paragraph [0018].

Support for new claim 132 can be found in paragraph [0058].

Support for new claim 134 can be found in paragraph [0018].

Support for new claim 136 can be found in paragraph [0060].

Support for new claims 141 and 142 can be found in paragraph [0013].

As an initial matter, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the personal interview with Mr. Tekanic on September 8, 2004.

During the interview, the Section 112 and prior art rejections were discussed and the Examiner provided helpful suggestions for overcoming these rejections via amendments to the claims. It is believed that the newly submitted claims have been prepared based upon the Examiner's suggestions, in particular for overcoming the Section 112 rejections.

No agreement was reached during the interview, as the Examiner indicated that a further search would be required, if narrower claims were submitted.

Turning to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, claims 70-75, 77-89 and 91-125 were rejected as lacking enablement for the full scope of the claims. In view of the narrowed scope of claims, which are believed to be fully enabled by Example 2 disclosed in paragraphs [0071] and [0072] and Table II shown in paragraph [0062], it is believed that this rejection can be withdrawn without further comment.

Claims 70-74, 77-88 and 91-125 were also rejected as lacking enablement for not reciting that the cleaning solutions are azeotropic. As the new claims 126 and 133 recite this property, it is believed that this rejection also has been overcome.

Claims 118-125 were rejected as including new matter. These claims have been canceled and the offending language has not been utilized in the new claims. Therefore, it is believed that this rejection can also be withdrawn.

Claims 70-96 were rejected as being indefinite. These claims also have been canceled and the offending language has not been utilized in the new claims. Therefore, it is believed that this rejection can also be withdrawn. In addition, the corresponding objection to the specification stated in paragraph 9 is believed to have been mooted.

Claims 70-73, 75, 77-86, 88, 89, 91-112, 114, and 123 and 125 were rejected as lacking novelty.

It is believed that Klier et al. (USP 5,597,792) is no longer particularly relevant in view of the use of the term "consisting" in claims 126 and 133, as well as the fact that none of the Klier solutions would be capable of being a two-phase solution at one temperature and a one-phase, fully miscible solution, at a lower temperature. Klier et al. teaches microemulsions that are, generally speaking, thermodynamically stable and would not change state merely by reducing the temperature thereof.

Therefore, it is respectfully believed that the rejection based upon Klier et al. may be withdrawn.

Further reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further suggestions or recommendations, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call from him in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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